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FOUR GERMAN ARRESTED.

(A. P. NIGHT REPORT.)

LONDON, March 12.—A special dispatch from Durban says: "The Port-land, authorities at Durban, at the request of Great Britain, arrested four Germans bound for Pretoria with arms and letters of introduction from Dr. Kruger."

LEADS NOT INFORMED.

(A. P. NIGHT REPORT.)

BRUSSELS, March 12.—Dr. Leyds asserts that President Kruger and Strydom have not telegraphed any peace proposals to him. He admits, however, the possibility of such a step being taken, but adds that the independence of the republic is guaranteed in order to avoid further bloodshed.

TWO MUCH CARE OF THEIR FLANKS DID IT.

(A. P. NIGHT REPORT.)

BOERS WEAKENED THEIR CENTER FOR THE BRITISH.

Opposition at Driefontein not looked for at London—A Stand at Petrusburg Was What Was Expected.

No Confirmation of the News That Making Siege Has Been Raised.

(A. P. NIGHT REPORT.)

LONDON, March 12, 4:30 a.m.—(By Atlantic Cable.) The War Office maps show a group of kopjes and a large water pan at Driefontein, a position which has apparently considerable defensive advantages. The Boers were reported to have moved southward, or else a fresh force may have come from Bloemfontein or the Orange River.

The opposition met at Driefontein was much unexpected, the idea being that if there was any resistance it would be at Petrusburg. Profiting by their experience, the Boers were prepared for a British flanking movement, but in extending their position, in order to avoid being outflanked, they probably weakened their center, thus making it possible for the British infantry to carry this with a bayonet charge.

Lord Roberts' dignified protest against the abuse of the white flag is regarded as the most important fact of the situation. According to the accounts supplied by the correspondents, the instance appears to have been most flagrant, and there is no doubt that Lord Roberts will carry his threat into execution.

The dispatch from Durban as to the engagement near Pottery, seems to explain the Boer accounts of a retreat in the Helmbach district, and although only a few hundred, the news shows that the Boers are in considerable numbers on the Helmbach.

There is no confirmation of the rumors of the raising of the siege of Mafeking, concerning which the gravest anxiety continues to be felt.

The British reported capturing up to this date, as they have been, MIB: wounded first; died of disease, 128; missing, 12,000.

A "BURN" CAPTURED.

(A. P. NIGHT REPORT.)

LONDON, March 12.—The Durban correspondent of the Daily News says that a search for an order was issued from Pretoria to field corn to make an immediate return of all the women and children in the Johannesburg district, with particular reference to whether such family would possess means of transport in case of sudden removal. The order created a sensation.

STUBBORN ACTION MAINTAINED BY THE BOERS.

THE ARTILLERY WELL HANDLED AGAINST THE BRITISH.

Gen. Broadwood and the Enemy Keep Up a Chase of Each Other in an Effort to Turn One Another's Flank—The Sixth Division Finally Forces the Boers Back.

(A. P. NIGHT REPORT.)

DRIEFONTEIN, March 12.—(By South African Cable.) All of yesterday was occupied in fighting. The Boers maintained a stubborn rear-guard action along a running front of twelve miles on very difficult ground. The British were advancing in three columns. Gen. Tucker, to the southward, occupied Petrusburg unopposed. Gen. Kelly-Kenny, after following the Boer back, moved in the direction of Abraham's Kraal.

At Driefontein, about eight miles south of Abraham's Kraal, the Boers were found in considerable strength on the ridges connecting several kopjes, where they had mounted guns. The action began at 8 o'clock in the morning with an artillery duel. Gen. French's cavalry and Gen. Porter's brigade supported our guns. The Boer artillery was accurately handled, and the British cavalry did not task harder than they had expected.

Gen. Broadwood, with dogged persistence, moved after or some hills, surrounded, trying to find a means to get round, but the Boers followed behind firing guns and to the rear, and to outflank him. Meanwhile, the Sixth Division of Infantry, advancing on the Boer left, slowly forced the enemy to retire. Had the infantry been able to move faster, the Boers would have been enveloped.

The last shot was fired at 7:30 p.m. This morning not a Boer was to be seen. The prisoners belonged to President Kruger's own command.

FIGARO'S WARNING NOTE.

(A. P. NIGHT REPORT.)

PARIS, March 12, 4:30 a.m.—(By Atlantic Cable.) Le Figaro reproduces to day a note of warning, uttered by a statesman whose name is not given, but who is said to know the present opinion among the great powers with respect to the attitude of France toward Great Britain, and the powers condemn the recent offensive French caricatures of Queen Victoria, and such anti-British demonstrations as took place the other day at Bordeaux. The statesman in question says:

"Queen Victoria, who last year facilitated a settlement of the Boer war, French controversies in Africa, has profoundly modified her ideas during the last few weeks. This fact is known all over Europe, and is undeniable."

He calls upon Frenchmen to be prudent.

TUNNELING TO ESCAPE.

(A. P. NIGHT REPORT.)

LONDON, March 12.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Standard telegraph: "It is reported that the Boer prisoners at Simonstown were found to be tunneling under the lines of the railway. The work had made considerable progress before discovery."

JAIL STILL GUARDED.

(POLITICAL.)

BUT LEXINGTON'S ENGAGEMENT HAS SUBSIDED.

Adoption of Disguise Admitted by Davis and Powers to Be a Mistake. They Assert Their Innocence of Crime.

Sheriff Berworth Promises Them a Speedy Examination, but Does not Think it Prudent to Have the Trial Just Now.

Armed Men at Frankfort—Rumor That Gov. Taylor Will Cause Gov. Beckham's Arrest—Has Pardon Supposed Accusation.

(A. P. NIGHT REPORT.)

LEXINGTON (Ky.), March 12.—The Sabbath day brought a calm to the town, which for three hours, Saturday night, threatened to burst over Lexington. The adoption of a disguise by Davis and Powers in their flight from the matter for the prisoners, in the opinion of some of their friends here, although they explain that they did so merely to get away from the local Goebel influences, which they allege would work to their detriment in securing a fair trial. Both tacitly admit, however, that they have made mistakes, as both strongly urge the innocence of any connection with the murder of Goebel, and insist that they have no fear whatever as to the outcome.

Judge George Denny, a prominent Republican attorney, called on the prisoners today, and was closeted with them several hours. He will represent them in whatever legal steps are taken. Both men are very calm, and have no further statement to make than was given out last night.

Judge Denny said tonight that the prisoners are not averse to going to Frankfort, but they would like to have arrangements made to try their cases here, but this cannot be done except as to a writ of habeas corpus, which is not likely to be sought in this case.

Sheriff Butler of Franklin county came here today and returned tonight to Frankfort, where he issued warrants with him that were issued in Franklin county. The men were arrested last night on warrants sworn to before Squire Frank Graves of this county, and returned before County Judge Haddock.

Sheriff Butler of this county says he will give the men as speedily an examination as the law permits, but does not think it proper to have their case for trial yet, on account of the excitement.

Sheriff Butler stated that he did not know where the men were to be taken back to Frankfort; not, however, till the examining trial is over here, which is expected to be held in a few days. The court has no jurisdiction, and the prisoners will then be taken to Frankfort.

All is quiet tonight. Soldiers are still guarding the jail. The Army is expected to arrive here in a few days, and the local soldiery on duty as the jail.

Major Williams of the Second Kentucky Regiment has been wired to return from Louisville, but he has not arrived. Capt. Lemmon, who is in charge of the jail, is expected to return tonight, and if Col. Williams decides to take the army here, he will have to do so by force. This is not likely to be pressed, as the prisoners may be removed by the time Col. Williams returns.

TAYLOR ISSUES PARDONS.

(A. P. NIGHT REPORT.)

LOUISVILLE, March 12.—According to statement made by Gov. Taylor tonight to a representative of the Commercial, he has granted a pardon to each of the persons for whom warrants have been issued, charging them with being accessories to the assassination of State Cashier Finley, and ex-Secretary of State Finley, all his statement, Gov. Taylor recites the conditions under which he claims to have been elected. The pardon is granted to the conspirators to secure control of the government. He is conceding the direction of a majority in each of the two houses of the general assembly and is retaining a veto power in the hands of the General Assembly and caucusing with the State Senate. The pardon is granted to the conspirators to secure control of the government. He is conceding the direction of a majority in each of the two houses of the general assembly and is retaining a veto power in the hands of the General Assembly and caucusing with the State Senate. The pardon is granted to the conspirators to secure control of the government. He is conceding the direction of a majority in each of the two houses of the general assembly and is retaining a veto power in the hands of the General Assembly and caucusing with the State Senate.

"Notwithstanding the conspirators were defeated at the polls as to the State trial, they succeeded over with a majority in each of the two houses of the general assembly and is retaining a veto power in the hands of the General Assembly and caucusing with the State Senate. The pardon is granted to the conspirators to secure control of the government. He is conceding the direction of a majority in each of the two houses of the general assembly and is retaining a veto power in the hands of the General Assembly and caucusing with the State Senate. The pardon is granted to the conspirators to secure control of the government. He is conceding the direction of a majority in each of the two houses of the general assembly and is retaining a veto power in the hands of the General Assembly and caucusing with the State Senate."

"Following this, an employee of the Cincinnati Enquirer has made a statement charging that Hon. Caleb Powers, Secretary of State; his brother John Powers, a captain in the company of State militia; W. H. Coulton, a clerk in the Auditor's office; Hon. Charles Finley, ex-Secretary of State, and Capt. John W. Davis, policeman of the State House grounds, conspired, aided and abetted in the assassination of the State Cashier, and was present at the County Jail without bail, or been given an opportunity to secure bail."

"On the day of said assassination, Harland Whittaker, who was in custody in Butler county, Kentucky, was arrested and was charged with said crime, and was held over with a view to a speedy examination. He was held in custody without trial for over one month, in defiance of the law, and was finally released on bail. The men were brought here from Frankfort because of the fear that an attempt would be made to liberate them, and they were held here for the purpose of obtaining a fair trial. As organized,

the courts are courts of conviction, instead of courts of trial.

"I deemed it my solemn duty to issue pardons to them in order that the innocent might be secured, and the guilty might be punished. I pledge myself in the name of God and humanity that it shall not be done."

PRETTY KETTLE OF FISH.

(A. P. NIGHT REPORT.)

FRANKFORT, March 12.—The Democratic and Republican sides are today, for the first time since the political complications assumed acute form, divided into two armed and organized factions surrounding the Capitol and the State executive offices are located, and in the streets adjacent to that building are many special officers and the men and boys of a militia company that was organized in Frankfort today.

The Tribune's Washington special says the likelihood that Congress will take a strong, common-sense position upon an army reorganization measure on account of the conflicting interests involved and the powerful opposition manifested in various quarters to certain features of Secretary Root's comprehensive reform proposition, has alarmed the authorities over the possibility of the plan to increase the artillery to a strength commensurate with ordinary care and the maintenance of seacoast defense works already established, and an effort is being made to separate the artillery clauses, which are all wholly unobjectionable and unlikely to cause much debate, from other portions of the bill, which are the subject of much controversy.

According to Gen. Miller's estimate, over eight thousand men are urgently needed to keep the present batteries from rapid deterioration, that number being barely enough to furnish a single relief for each company, now mounted in the Yorks. The artillery strength today, including the batteries in Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines, is about 1,500 men, which the bill proposes to increase gradually to 15,000 by adding 1300 men each year until the limit is reached.

Unless the fortifications are to be abandoned, the actual economy to the government through the increased force would be nearly \$3,000,000. The total money invested in guns of the coast defenses today is \$20,322,333. The deterioration of these guns, according to the report, is such that an insufficient force of men is estimated to be at least 15 per cent, and amounts therefore to \$3,025,927 annually.

Some of the forts where guns of high caliber are mounted have practically no men in charge, and not only the guns but the forts themselves are in a state of disrepair, but other expensive accessories of modern warfare are being injured by the elements and through general neglect. At such a time, when the navy, according to expert estimates, may first-class batteries will become nearly worthless.

CONGRESS'S WORK.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK.

(A. P. NIGHT REPORT.)

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The week in the House promises to be very busy. The bill to amend the election laws, introduced by Sen. McKim, will be taken up. The bill to amend the election laws, introduced by Sen. McKim, will be taken up. The bill to amend the election laws, introduced by Sen. McKim, will be taken up.

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MAN THE BATTERIES.

(WASHINGTON.)

URGENT NEED OF INCREASED ARTILLERY FORCE.

Gen. Miles Estimates That Over Eight Thousand Men are Necessary to Keep the Service from Deterioration.

Unless the Fortifications are to Be Abandoned the Actual Economy to Government Would Be Five Millions Yearly.

Treasury Bureau Statistics on the Transfer of Sugar Production to

